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NASA GETS A PREVIEW OF KITTY HAWK DOCUMENTARY

Everyone knows the Wright brothers accomplished the first successful powered flight at Kitty Hawk, NC, almost a century ago. But what may not be well known is the five-year journey of invention that preceded Orville's famous flight in 1903.

David Garrigus, national award-winning documentary producer, will present a never-before-seen preview segment from his upcoming two-hour PBS documentary entitled "*Kitty Hawk: The Wright Brothers, Journey of Invention*," at 1 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 9, at NASA Langley's H.J.E. Reid Conference Center. In addition to the film preview and lecture, Garrigus will show footage of a replica Wright glider during actual flight trials on the dunes of North Carolina.

Media Briefing: An opportunity to meet and interview Mr. Garrigus is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. at the H.J.E. Reid Conference Center, 14 Langley Blvd., at NASA Langley Research Center. Members of the media who wish to attend should contact Kimberly W. Land at (757) 864-9885 or 344-8611 (mobile) for credentials.

Kitty Hawk tells the story of the invention of the Wright brothers airplane and explores Wilbur and Orville's ingenious ways of finding solutions to problems that baffled so many before them.

Garrigus is a critically acclaimed producer, writer, and director of documentary and educational programs. He has worked with NASA Langley as writer and producer for the award-winning PBS science series, NASA CONNECT™, and is currently producing a series of educational videos for the U.S. Centennial of Flight Commission titled *The Machines of the Wright Brothers*.

In his twenty years experience as a filmmaker, Garrigus has received numerous awards for outstanding achievement in non-fiction programming, including a New York Festival Gold Medal, three Cindy Awards, two Telly Awards and an award from the National Council on Family Relations.

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